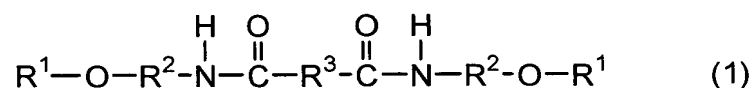


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hair cosmetic composition comprising the following ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) a higher alcohol, or a fatty acid or a salt thereof;
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(B) a diamide compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents a linear or branched C_{1-12} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups and/or alkoxy groups, R^2 represents a linear or branched, divalent C_{1-5} hydrocarbon group, and R^3 represents a linear or branched, divalent C_{1-22} hydrocarbon group.

2. A hair cosmetic composition according to claim 1, comprising as ingredient (B) a diamide compound of formula (1) in which R^3 is a linear or branched C_{11-22} alkylene group or a linear or branched C_{11-22} alkenylene group having 1 to 4 double bonds.

3. A hair cosmetic composition according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a surfactant as ingredient (C).

4. A hair cosmetic composition according to claim 3, comprising one or more cationic surfactants as the whole or a part of ingredient (C).